

KIDO's DIARY

10 August, 1940 (Sat.) (Cloudy - rainy).

Went to the office at eleven.

At 11:30 conferred with chief Aide-de-Camp re the progress of the campaign against the Chungking regime since the last time.

At 1:45 was received in audience.

The Emperor told me what he and Prince FUSHIMI, Chief of the Navy General Staff, had talked about when they dined together. The Prince said that the Navy at present wishes to avoid the use of force against the Netherlands Indies and Singapore; and that, since at least eight months will be required for preparation after a decision for war is made, the later war comes the better.

Withdrawing from the Imperial presence at 2:35, I returned home immediately. As Mr. HARADA had informed me by telephone of young Mrs. HOSOKAWA's critical illness, I returned to Tokyo with TSURUKO by the 4:19 train.

After supper went to the HOSOKAWA residence with TSURUKO for a visit. The invalid was in a serious condition and was already unconscious, so bidding eternal farewell we returned home at 9:00.

At 10:18 in the evening a message came from Marquis HOSOKAWA that his young wife had died. It is a pity.